

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 6th February 2012, At 7.15pm in Saint Aidan's Church.

1. Attendance.

a. In Attendance.

Councillor I. Goldthorpe	(IG)	(Chair)
Councillor I. Stanley	(IS)	(Vice Chair)
Councillor A. Mills	(AM)	
Councillor F. Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor B. Taylor	(BT)	
Councillor A. Walker	(AWa)	
Councillor A. Wood	(AWo)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Wilson.

Residents: Judy Wainwright, Christine Ward, Helen Sparks, Julia Tomson.

b. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Two members of Oxspring Heritage Group were present, residents J Wainwright and C Ward. They expressed concerns over the work that they had heard was to be done at Bower Dell. It was explained that no work had been agreed on yet and that the matter was still to be discussed. They were worried that the natural habitat of the area and the ecological aspect would be destroyed. The Parish Council explained that there were no plans to destroy the habitat etc and there were simply plans to clear some of the overgrown undergrowth and prune some of the trees. The reason being to make the site more visible from the road and less hidden as there are concerns that drug misuse takes place there and unauthorised camping takes place there. It was **agreed** that representatives from the heritage group would meet with a couple of Parish Councillors to agree on the work that would be done. (AWo,IS).
- Councillor Wilson advised that the PC could apply to the CSF for a grant for this project.
- Residents H Sparks and J Tomson spoke of work that they would like to see done in the Willows area to improve the environment for residents, such as planting trees and meadows on several of the grass areas. They have completed a petition from residents in the Willows that would like to see the improvements. The Parish Council explained that this land did not belong to the Parish Council or BMBC and that it belongs to Berneslai homes. It was also explained that Berneslai homes keeps the grass areas plain for easy maintenance reasons. The residents were advised to approach Berneslai homes with their plans. They were also given details of the next Penistone Housing steering group meeting, and advised to attend.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2012, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (BT,IS). The Clerk had circulated action reports from the minutes and provided the latest update in addition. The Chair and other members reported on their actions.
- The boundary wall at the playingfield was discussed. The Clerk informed the Council that Enterprise Inns have asked the Waggon and Horses to repair the wall and that they should liaise with the football club if necessary.

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- The Clerk explained that SYPTE do not install litter bins at bus stops and these are provided by BMBC. The Clerk has requested one from Elaine Down. The Clerk will copy this request to Councillor Wilson for his support.
- The Clerk advised the Council that BMBC street lighting department informed the Council that there is no budget to update the lighting at the Willows in the foreseeable future. The Clerk will copy the response to Councillor Wilson.
- The fireworks that were discovered on New Years Day were discussed. The police had been in touch with Councillor Wood and were investigating the issue.
- The letter received from C Booth was discussed. It was still **agreed** not to plant a tree in the rose garden on Sheffield Road. (AM, IG). The idea of planting some Oak trees at the village green was discussed, and it was **agreed** that this was not a good idea. (IS,FS).
- The dog walking of several dogs together at the playingfield was discussed. Councillor Wilson informed the Council that no offence was being committed. The only offence would be dog fouling and evidence is required to inform BMBC.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Councillor Stanley reported that there was nothing to report as there had been no recent meetings.

b. Gordon's Garden Planting

- Councillor Shaw is arranging to meet Elaine Down at Gordon's Garden to look at the best way of stopping the mowers damaging the trees.
- Councillors Shaw and Wood had met there in January and looked at several options.

c. Planting at Playingfield

- The Chair informed the meeting that the new sign had been installed.
- It was discussed whether to fill the gaps or leave to let the kids run through. It was discussed that posts and a wire fence would be a good idea with planting either side. It was discussed that this could be added in as part of the Bower Dell Project.
- Aerating the playingfield was discussed as it had been noted that Penistone showground had been mechanically spiked recently. Councillor Wilson would enquire about using the same machine on the playingfield.

d. Other Business

- None.

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

- Payments amounting to £671.25 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (FS,AWo)

b. Balances and Transfers

- There were no transfers during the month.
- The closing Balances for 31st January 2012 are c/a £416.95 and d/a £5023.34, Imprest a/c £30.85.

c. Other Financial Matters

- The precept for 2012/13 was **agreed** at £18,906. (IS,AM). This is a 0p annual increase for a Band D home.
- The investment bond was discussed, and it was **agreed** that splitting it into long and short term bonds would be looked at the next renewal. (AM,BT).
- The spending proposals were looked at for the forthcoming year and the proposals from the finance sub committee were **agreed**. (IS,IG). The Boules Pitch was discussed, and Councillor Stanley reported that he estimated the cost to be approx £750. He will obtain a quote so that it can be discussed further. It was also discussed siting it at the village green rather than the playingfield.

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- The village green wall that needs rebuilding in the corner was discussed. The ownership of this wall was discussed. The Clerk will report it to highways.
- The earmarked fund proposals of the finance sub committee were discussed and **agreed**. (IS,IG).

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There was one planning application to be considered:
- 2012/0102 – Extension to Westwinds, Roughbirchworth Lane. There were no objections.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A list of correspondence had been circulated, and the Clerk added to this with recently received items.
- It was **agreed** that the Penistone Footpath Runners could use the field for their race on the 28th March. (IS,BT).

b. Items to Report

- The Jubilee Walk was discussed. Councillor Taylor will get a price for the “way marker” roundels.
- Councillor Walker will write the walk booklet, and printing and distribution was discussed.
- The Clerk will chase BMBC regarding the section 106 money for the Foxfields development that has now been completed.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Planting at Gordon's Garden, Bower Dell maintenance project, Planting at Playingfield, Jubilee Boundary Walk, Boules Pitch.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be on Monday 5th March 2012 at 7.15pm at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day _____ **2012.**